

# COVID-19

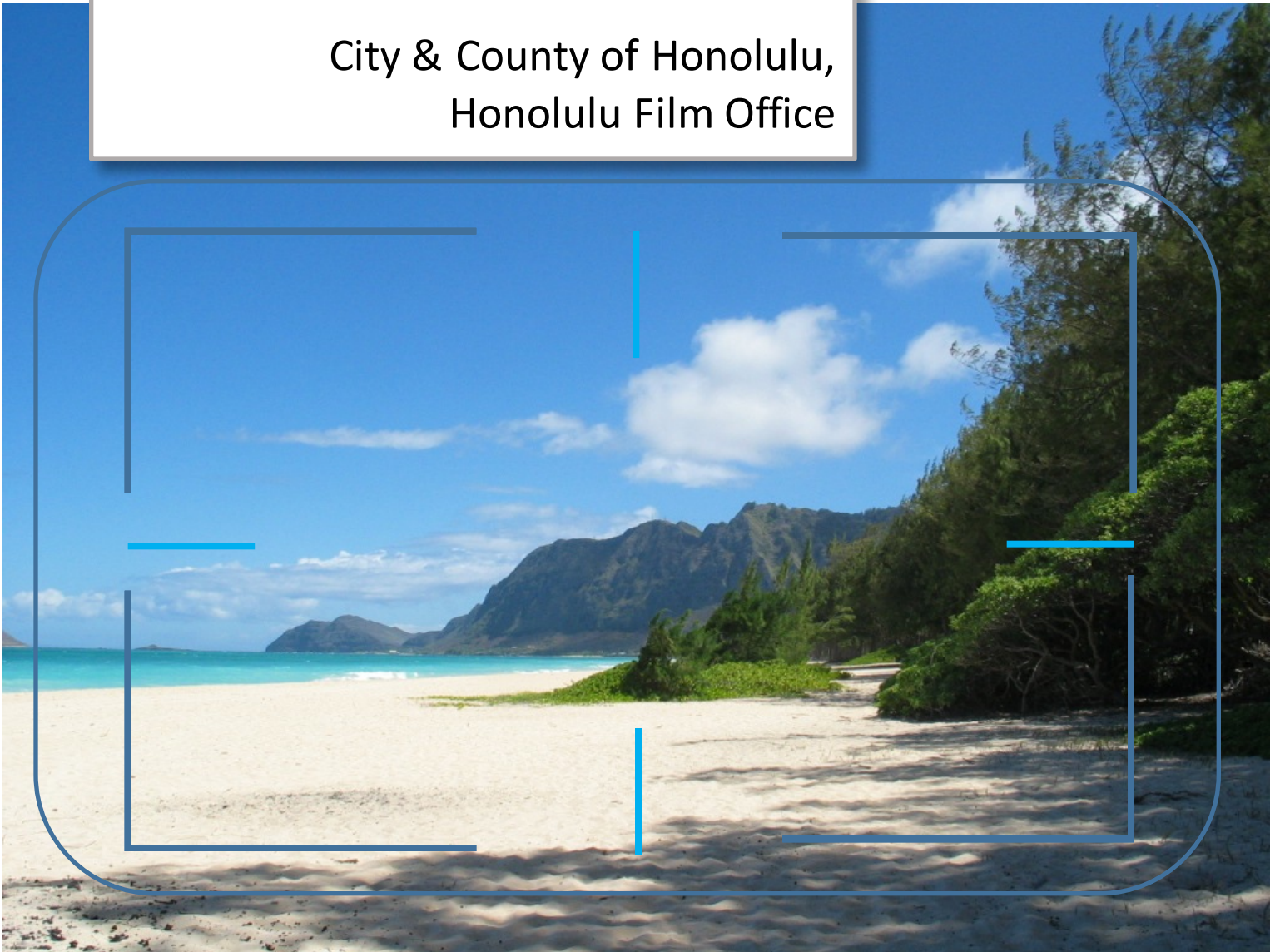
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## Modified Quarantine Procedures for Travelers Arriving in Honolulu

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## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CREW TRAVELING TO HAWAII

Systematic or societal measures to reduce spread of COVID-19 vary from country to country. Any production filming in the City and County of Honolulu must follow the general rules in effect for the State of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu, regardless of the nationality of the cast and crew. Due to the lack of a vaccine or effective antiviral therapy against SARS-CoV-2 which causes COVID-19, the key systematic containment measures available for COVID-19 are isolation of individuals with COVID-19 and quarantine for individuals who are known or had possible contact with those with the virus.

The COVID-19 epidemic appears to be contained in Hawaii in comparison to other parts of the United States and other countries. Therefore, the risk of additional cases in Hawaii is primarily related to new importation by travelers. The latest information on restrictions related to travel to Hawaii can be found here:

<https://hawaiiicovid19.com/guidance-for-everyone/#visitors-travelers>

During the COVID-19 epidemic strict social distancing measures and bans on gatherings were put effect in Hawaii. The state is now in a phased-in reopening process, taking steps to gradually reduce the restrictions. The latest information on such restrictions can be found here:

<https://hawaiiicovid19.com/>

<https://www.oneoahu.org/>

The pillars of managing COVID-19 are quarantine measures, testing, contract tracing and practicing the safety habits of wearing facial coverings and good hygiene of which hand washing is paramount. These measures should be done as a matter of course, at work and in the after-work environment.

Please keep in mind that continued easing of restrictions is only possible if the epidemic does not swell again. If Hawaii experiences a resurgence of cases of the virus, stricter rules may be enforced and modifications and exemptions restricted or voided.

## MODIFIED QUARANTINE PROCEDURES FOR PRODUCTION

The following is a modification of the rules for quarantine for travel to Hawaii for the specific purpose of film production. In summary, the quarantine process is to be maintained throughout the first 14 days of arrival between the home and work environment, including transport to and from these locations. These modifications do not apply for individuals in quarantine after known exposure or for individuals with COVID-19 who must be isolated.

All incoming production personnel must undergo some type of quarantine when arriving to the islands. Based on testing and results, a full or modified quarantine strategy can be employed.

## **Full Quarantine status**

If no PCR testing of any individual prior to arrival in Hawaii will be conducted, the full rules of quarantine shall apply:

[https://hawaiiicovid19.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Quarantine-Instructions\\_032220.pdf](https://hawaiiicovid19.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Quarantine-Instructions_032220.pdf)

## **Modified Quarantine Procedures**

Implementation of the modified procedures must be requested on a project to project basis to receive an exemption of the standard travel restriction. If the production is able to work under the standard travel restriction, no modification request is necessary.

If the current travel restrictions cannot be followed, a modification protocol must be adopted and the production company and the participants who will be quarantined, must sign affidavits confirming they will conform to the plan.

## **Production must follow this guidance:**

Administer a valid PCR test 2 – 3 days before to boarding a flight to Hawaii. A negative result for COVID-19 is required; self-quarantine must be done between the time of the test and boarding the flight.

While traveling it is recommended that all travelers carry hand-sanitizer to use frequently during travel, especially after touching common surfaces in the airport or airplane, and prior to meals the use in-flight of masks is recommended to the extent possible and reasonable.

Upon arrival in Hawaii, the production personnel must travel from the airport directly to their temporary residence and isolate in their place of residence until a 2<sup>nd</sup> test can be administered six (6) to seven (7) days after the initial pre-board test that shows a negative result; a negative result will allow the modified quarantine status to continue until the 14<sup>th</sup> day in Hawaii.

Inter-island travel restrictions for the general public will apply to crew who are under a modified quarantine status until the 14<sup>th</sup> day in Hawaii.

During their modified quarantine status, a crew member may travel from their place of residence (hotel, home, etc.) to the place of work (set, production office) via a private vehicle (no ride share vehicles or public transportation will be allowed).

A wellness check consisting of a temperature check and symptoms questionnaire of all modified quarantine status crew must be done prior to the start of their work each day until the 14<sup>th</sup> day in Hawaii.

While at work it is recommended that as little mixing as possible of those under modified quarantine status occur with the Hawaii-based crew. Every effort should be made to allow a

minimum of six (6) feet distance between those under modified quarantine status and the Hawaii-based crew.

Hawaii has implemented limitations on size of gatherings due to COVID-19 (no more than 10 individuals). While such limitations are in effect, they apply to film production crews. Modifications of quarantine procedures by are unrelated to the limitations of gatherings.

Crew size should be kept to a minimum in general, and organized into groups in such a way that a safe distance of six (6) feet between crew members and cast in other groups can generally be maintained.

The number of people on set for each scene or task should be limited as much as possible.

Visitors are not allowed on set. Cast and crew should only be present for scenes and tasks in which they are directly involved.

Government officials which may include film office personnel, executive or departmental staff are not classified as visitors.

All testing requirements and associated costs of testing are the sole responsibility of the production company. All testing procedures and protocols must comply with all applicable CDC guidelines and any guidelines recommended by the Department of Health, State of Hawaii.

### **Working with Hotels**

Production is encouraged to reach out to local hoteliers to see how best they may be able to accommodate the needs of production at this unusual time.

Creating a mini-quarantine zone(s) in the hotel (a section, wing, an entire floor, etc)

Utilizing spaces such as ballrooms, meeting rooms and other unused spaces as temporary soundstages and production offices within the hotel that crew is also housed

It is strongly recommended that all personnel (cast and crew) on a film/TV production in the City and County of Honolulu wear visible identification lanyards or ID tags at all times to document the name of the person, the production crew, lodging address, and any exemptions received from the State of Hawaii or the City and County of Honolulu. On-air cast is exempt from this recommendation while they are actively being photographed for a scene.

The COVID-19: *Guidelines for the Film Industry in Honolulu 2020* must be followed to the greatest extent possible.

**Changes to travel restrictions to the City and County of Honolulu and Hawaii may result in changes to these procedures.**